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Precious Hubby: ——

This is in answer to your Wednesday's letter which I received only this morning. Your letters always come in the last mail, & I being early, could not get it last night.

I am enclosing a money order for $20. I happened to mention last night that I wished I could get my check & told your mother that I wanted to send you $20. Mom gave me the $20 and it now rains but what it pours, I got my check early this morning. I got my increase on this check and I paid $10 on my bond which is certainly shamefully in arrears. Now lovey, this money is your birthday gift, a little previous, but

~~to~~ I know you are anxious to use it, therefore don't hesitate to use it. You know I always, when making a gift, try to get what you like. I'll bet you are happy to join the masons, don't you, dear, ~~anyth~~ but I am sending you my heartiest congratulations. I do think besides the benefit you will derive fraternally, it will aid you greatly in your profession. The best of luck to you, honey, dear. I don't think, precious, you will have any trouble meeting the rest in April, do you? For, as you say, "once the money comes in it will roll" like in everything else it is hard in the beginning — the establishing of it — and once that is done things will run smoothly.

You sure have made the acquaintance of some dandy people and I am proud of you dear. Keep it right up, honey. This A. Goodman is a brick. Keep right after him, precious. Just as I wrote yesterday, while they themselves may not, at the time be able to do anything for you, they will do what they can and pave different little things in your way. How about the Genesis Lawyer. See him yet? And don't forget to see the Hoeks as soon as you can. He, too, may do something for you.

I can picture the feelings of H. Goldberger but you should worry honey, it's all in the game. As to the permit case — well I just hope you get it. How about that immigration case? Do anything on it? And the denier case? I am happy that you got some more pictures — how does the office look now?

Well honey, if you want to collect those hugs & kisses you must hurry up. "Not responsible for goods left over 30 days". My lips are cracked and dry — all from the lack of exercise - and as what I can - I can't get them in shape again. Another reason why you should collect those kisses soon. Do you know I so often get that feeling of your arm going about me — I can - that's a fact — just feel them - and then when I get ready for the hug it just sort of vanishes. I do, honey, miss you dreadfully.

Tell Mr. Lazaar, that as he very well knows, there was no splatter in my eye when I married you. I was simply able to pick out a wonderful husband. Don't worry honey, I don't think I shall ever regret the step — it's only this separation that at times makes me feel badly. Give the Mr. & his wife my regards. How is your aunt feeling now? able to cook? Give my regards to her.

Tolomaum. Your aunt & uncle.

Everlasting thanks.